

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION**

<b>SULAYMAN MOORE, an individual,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 1:17-CV-167-SNLJ</b>
	)	
<b>VERDESIAN LIFE SCIENCES US,</b>	)	
<b>LLC, f/k/a QC CORPORATION,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This case is before the Court on plaintiff’s motion to remand to state court (#7), to which defendant filed a response in opposition (#8). No reply was filed. The only issue presented is whether, in this discrimination case under the Missouri Human Rights Act, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 so to invoke this Court’s diversity jurisdiction. In the motion, as this Court understands it, plaintiff suggests that he is prepared to submit a binding stipulation by way of affidavit that the amount in controversy will not exceed \$75,000. In the event that stipulation is filed, the motion will be granted. That said, defendant correctly maintains that the amount in controversy as pled in the original state-court petition includes not only damages but also attorney’s fees. Plaintiff claims that the combined damages and fees are bound to exceed \$75,000. Again, however, should plaintiff file a stipulation that the total amount in controversy including damages and attorney’s fees will not exceed \$75,000, the case will be remanded. Plaintiff shall notify the Court on the matter forthwith.

So ordered this 27th day of November, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr.", positioned above a horizontal line.

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STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE